

THE CONCEPT OF BUILDING ENVELOPE

A GLOBAL CONCEPT FOR BUILDING ENVELOPE

THE BUILDING ENVELOPE

As a recognized specialist of the facade and energy assessment, BIFF develops projects with a global design for the building envelope. The experts engineers office controls all fields involving the facade allowing it to offer ideally suited solutions for renovation and construction projects.

Building envelope

Facades and components (windows, doors...), roofs, floors.

Goal

Marry aesthetics and functionality in a reflection on sustainable development.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

A GLOBAL APPROACH OF OUR SERVICES

FIELD OF WORK



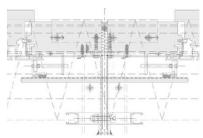




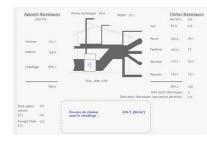


We enclose expertise, experience and care of details in order to provide customized solutions to the multiple challenges that can represent the construction of a facade.

We are able to provide a full range of work on the building envelope in terms of controlling its performance as well as controlling its tightness and insulation capacity.



TECHNICAL STUDIES



BUILDING PHYSICS





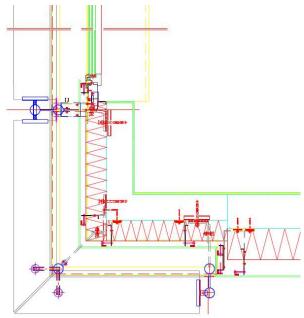


EXPERTISE

As engineering office, the first task of BIFF is to advise, design and develop the technical design of the facades according to their structural qualities, their situation, their exposure and their functional needs.

- Building physics
- · Optimization of architectural concepts
- Technical advice on materials behaviour (static, acoustics, thermal)
- · Development of customized projects
- Variants
- Innovative solutions customized to the customer's request

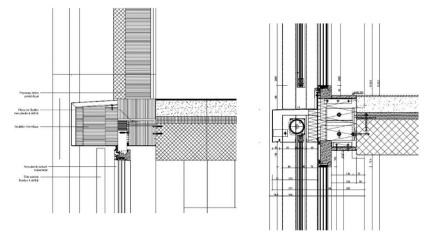




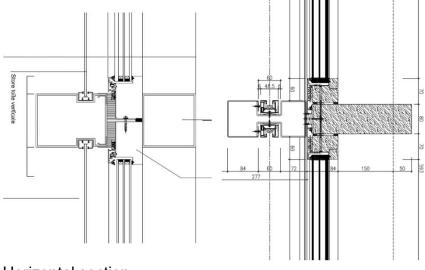
Our main services:

- Facade engineering
- Technical glazing
- Design
- Monitoring of production / reception
- Budgets & quotations
- Prototypes
- Advices





Vertical section



Horizontal section

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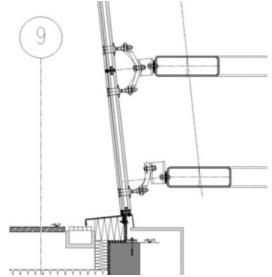
BUILDING PHYSICS WORKS SUPERVISION EXPERTISE

Technical application of glazing

- Thermal performances
- Sun protection
- Acoustic
- Security

Preliminaries advices

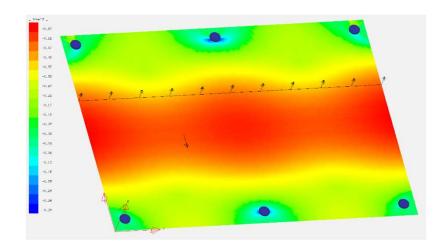


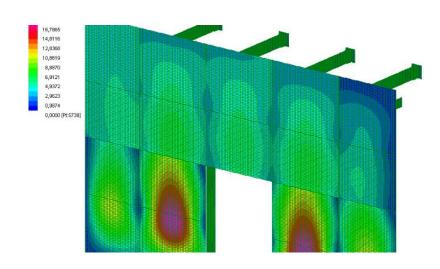


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Glass engineering:

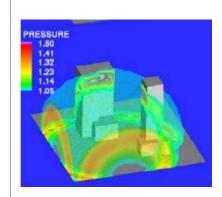
- Static evaluation including transmission of proof of calculation
- Control of glass / structure connections

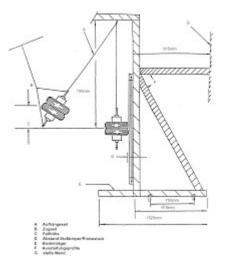




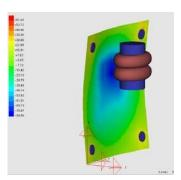
Façades with security functions:

- Fire protection
- Burglary protection
- Protection against projectiles
- Protection against vandalism
- Bomblast system
- Freestanding glasses
- Structural glass





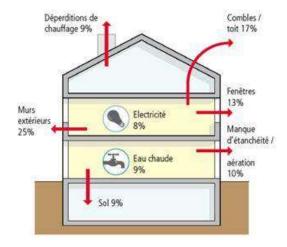


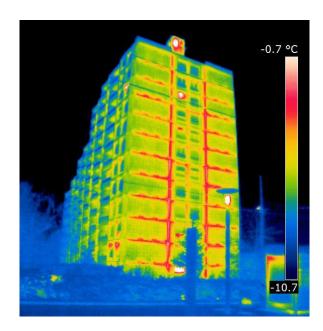


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BIFF engineers conduct **technical studies and analyses** for the renovation of the building envelope and establish a **detailed report of sanitation solutions**

- Qualification of the envelope performance
- Identification of critical areas
- Advices in term of thermal comfort
- · Range of measurement tools
- Variants
- Sanitations solutions adapted to customer demand



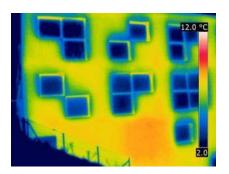


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Our main services:

- Building thermography
- Blower Door test
- Heat balance
- Technical inspection
- CECB / CECB+
- IDC / subsidized Eco-advice





WORKS SUPERVISION

BIFF has the essential experience to master all phases and field of work for the realization of facade projects. From the design advice to the works supervision, it has the resources to plan and carry to completion the most complex projects while respecting deadlines and budgets.

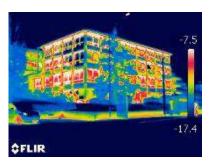
- Sanitation keeping the initials architectural lines
- Prototyping

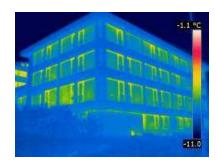
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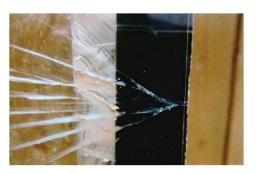




EXPERTISE

By its deep domain knowledge, but also in his quality as member of the UTS Swiss Engineering Experts and Swiss experts, BIFF is empowered to provide a full technical analysis of the building envelope and to issue an authoritative opinion for individuals, as well as institutional investors, insurance companies or courts.

- Identification of the origin of a disorder
- Responsibility
- · Suggesting solutions
- Arbitration expertise





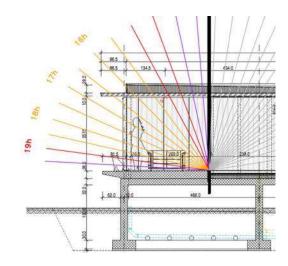




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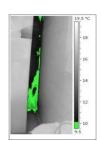
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- Defects of the facade
- Air infiltration
- Water infiltration
- Condensation & Mould
- Summer overheating
- Thermal / acoustic discomfort









ORGANIZATION

Internal organization of the office

Established in 2001, BIFF SA is an design office composed of engineers and designers experienced in the field of building envelope (roof and facade).

With over 500'000 m2 of facades, and more than 1'000 observations and expertise made in Switzerland and abroad, BIFF SA occupies a leading position in the engineering of the building envelope.

Our team consists of 10 employees with different profiles guided by professionalism, commitment, flexibility, responsiveness, ethics and team spirit, as well as an apprentice draftsman-builder on metal.

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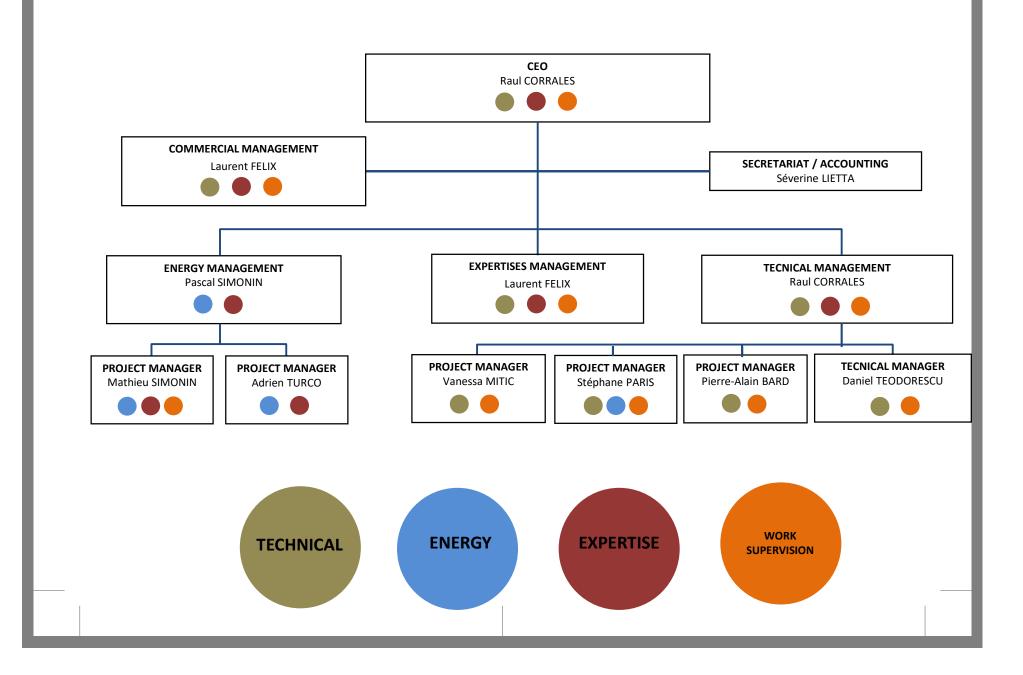












Material resources

Our tools

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- Thermometer, hygrometer, anemometer, barometer
- Laser Glass thickness measurer
- Tempered glass detector and indicator
- · Low emissivity layers detector
- · Distometer laser

CALCULATION / BIDS

BEC Partners

INFRARED THERMOGRAPHY

- Thermal camera T440 BX
- Thermal camera T640BX
- Logiciel FLIR Tools+

TECHNICAL DESIGN

- AUTOCAD 2015
- ATHENA
- REVIT
- QUOTER PLAN

SOLAR THERMAL / PHOTOVOLTAIQUE

- PVsyst 6.3.2
- Polysun 8.1

ENGINEERING / STATIC CALCULATION

- glaCE
- SJ Mepla
- RDM6
- ATHENA
- SolidWorks 2011

WRITING / REPORT

Office Professionnel 2013 suite

ENERGY BALANCE/ DYNAMIC SIMULATION/ ECOBILAN

- LESOSAI 2019
- DIAL+
- WUFI Pro 6.0

THERMAL BRIDGES

- THERM
- Flixo 8

INFILTROMETRY

- Blower Door standard DG-700; DG-1000
- Software TECTITE EXPRESS 5.1
- Smoke generator, sealing box
- Bau.Tools
- Portable deviceSwemaAir 5















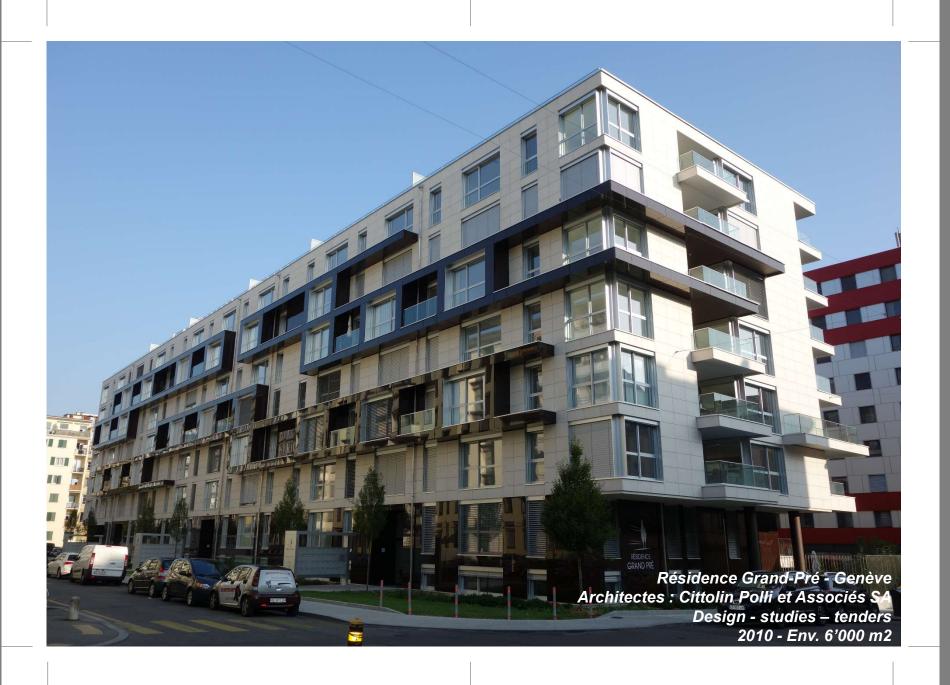


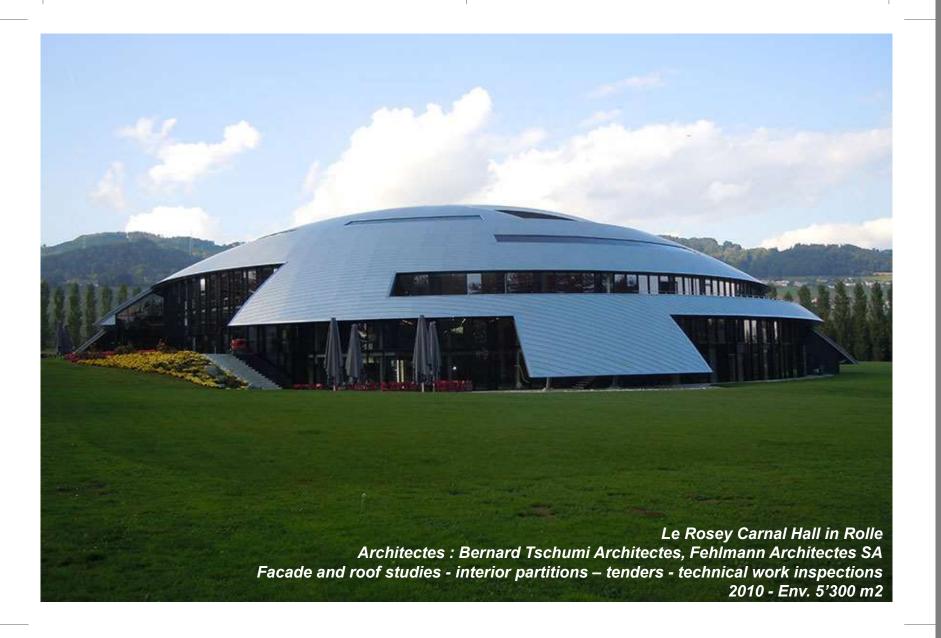
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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS





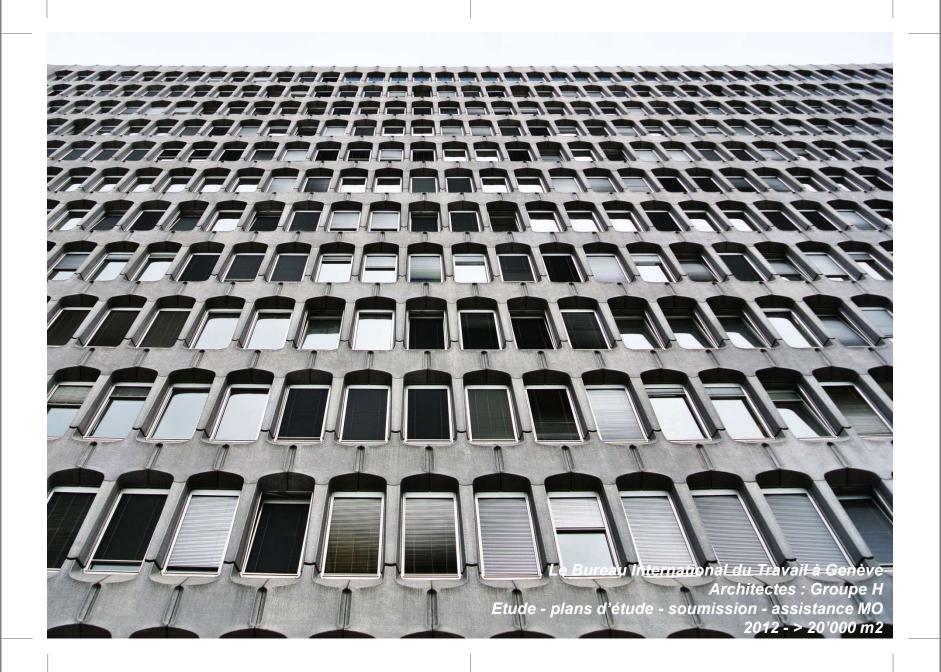




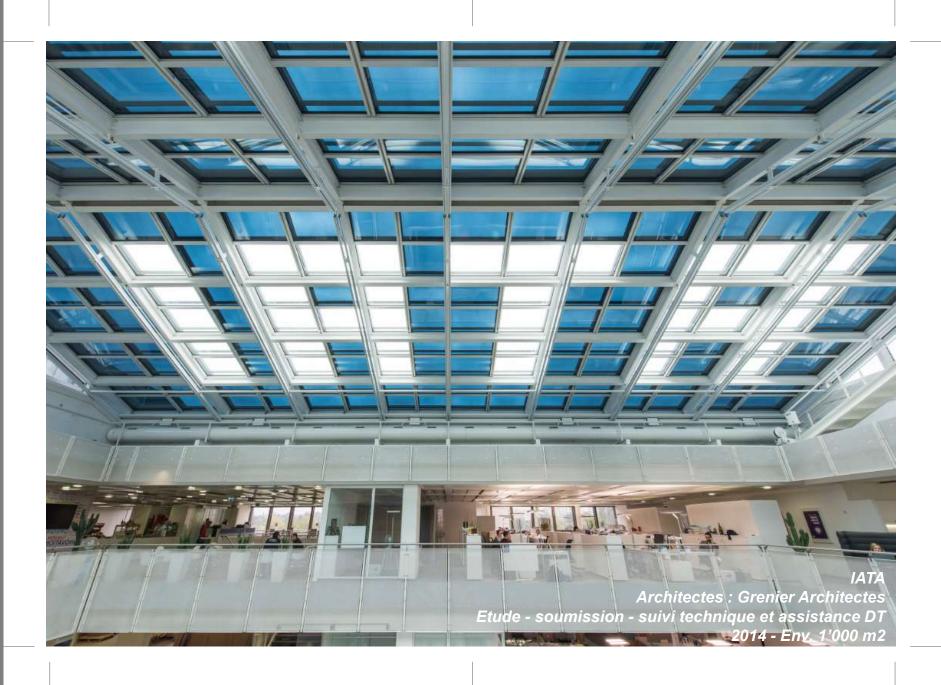












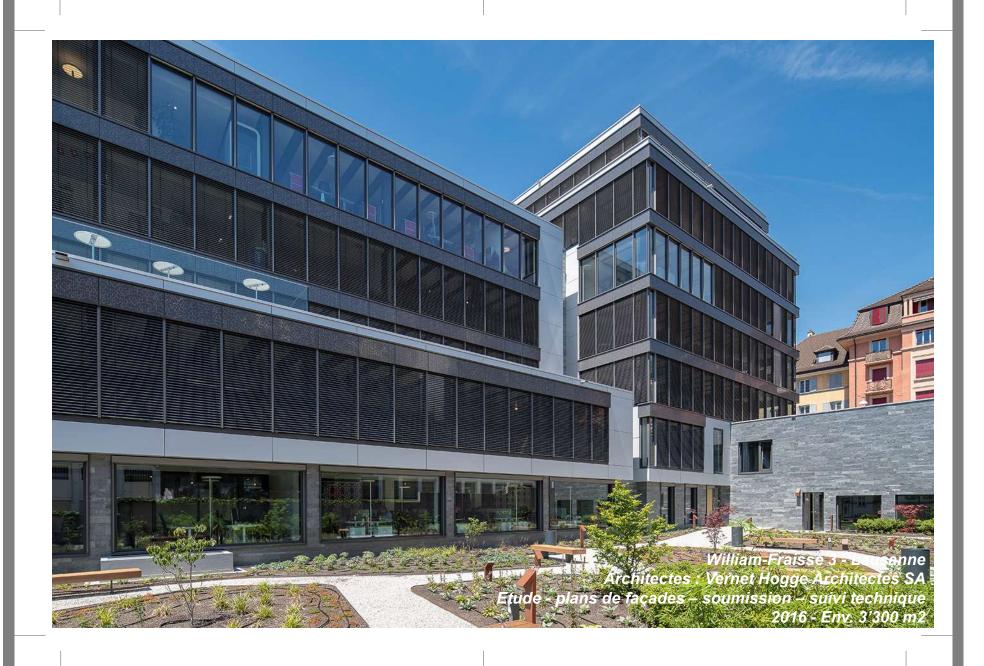






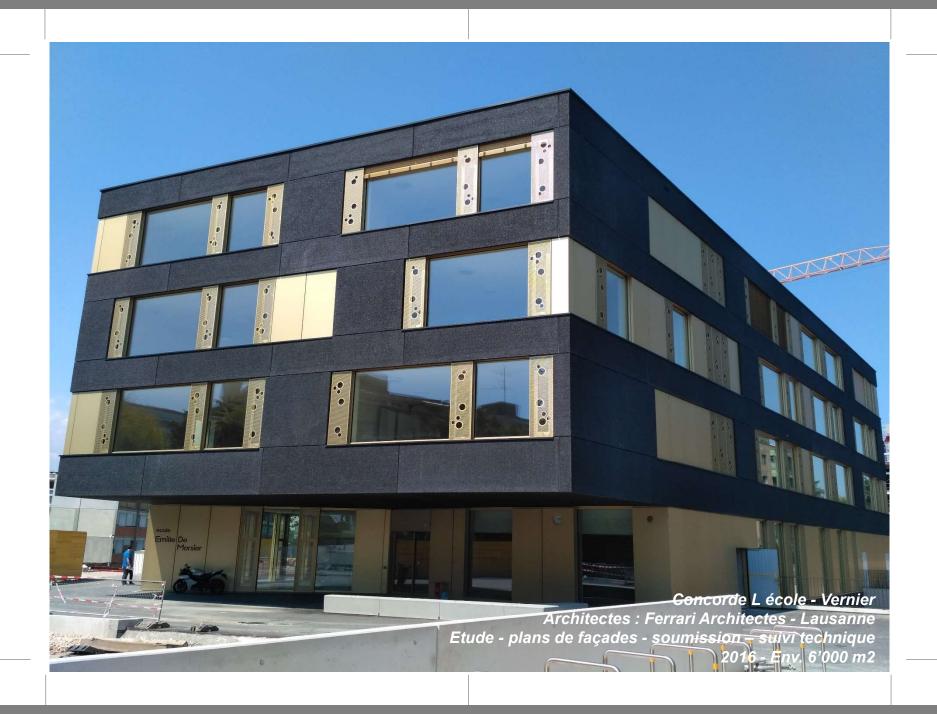








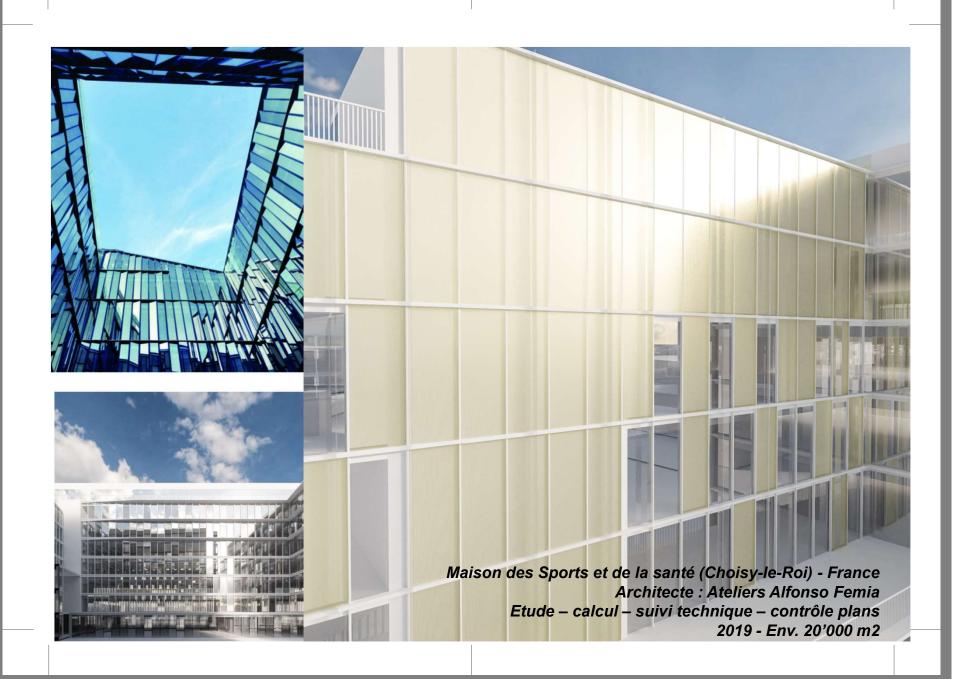












OTHERS REFERENCES



Heathrow Airport T2A – Londres Forster + Partners architects



Chep Lack Kok Airport Hong Kong Forster + Partners architects



Tour Iberdrola – Bilbao Cesar Pelli & associates



Triana Tower – Seville Cesar Pelli & associates



Kilometro Rosso Bergamo Architecte : AJN - Jean Nouvel



Holborn Place - Londres Forster and partners

The employees of BIFF SA have extensive international experience, here are some examples of their achievements.



Manchester Airport Terminal 2 SBT Architects



Malaga Airport Bruce Fairebakcks



Bancomer Tower – Mexico SOM architects



Bluewin Tower – Zurich Rolf Läuppi & Hans Zimmermann



Nestlé En Bergère Head Quarter J. Tschumi - Richter & Dahl Rocha



Banque Bruxelles Lambert, Genève Mario Botta - Urs Tschumi

Ces clients nous font confiance

Administrations:

















Real estate agencies:































Insurance and Investment Funds:



















General contractors:















International organizations:













Large companies:

















Mobility:













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YOUR MOST COMPLEX PROJECTS